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Alumna dedicates life to serving youth

By Karen Sarita Ingram THE COLLEGIAN

Women Empowered: This is part one of an ongoing series profiling strong, inspiring women in the K-State and Manhattan community

ome people have the focus to do one specific thing with their lives. They might say it's their life's calling, while others call them "driven," or "passionate." Kelly Carmody could tell you a thing or two about being born to do something.

"I always wanted to be a teacher," she said. "I'm making it my mission to be a positive influence for

Carmody, director of operations for the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, could tell you that being a woman with a mission does not mean taking the easy path, but that does not mean the trials are not worth the rewards.

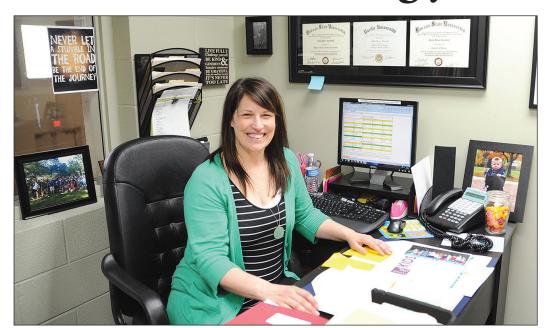
Part of her desire to become a teacher came from a childhood where she said a lot of adults failed her. Her stepfather, for one, was not a positive figure in her life.

"I lived in a very sexist home where my mother was like a servant to him," she said. "It was very old fashioned."

She came to K-State and majored in social sciences and women's studies. She said taking women's studies courses had a profound impact on her. "I was so amazed at all these

powerful women and the difference they made," Carmody said. "I think every woman is powerful, it's just letting that power out."

Carmody graduated from K-State in 2001 and moved to Oregon. She would later return to



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Kelly Carmody, director of operations for the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan, makes it her mission to, "be a positive influence for kids." She has been a parent to 11 foster children as well as her biological son, all while serving thousands more children in the Manhattan community.

K-State for a master's in special education in 2010.

In the meantime, she was a teacher for 10 years. Much of that time was spent working with emotionally disturbed children. Carmody said she felt she could do more to help children, so she became a foster parent. She has cared for 11 foster children, by herself. One of the children she cared for was a toddler with fetal alcohol syndrome who had been taken from a sexually abusive home. The girl didn't even know how to walk when Carmody first got her. The girl was eventually returned to that home.

"It was heartbreaking," Carmody said. "I only do long-term care,

Carmody is currently caring for three foster children, all teenage

"I do teenage boys because I want them to treat women right,"

Her kids include Karl, a mentally disabled boy; Marc, who is almost 17 years old and had two prior failed adoptions; and Peyton, who is wheelchair bound. Peyton has multiple system atrophy type II, a disease that attacks the body. He was not expected to live to the age of 16, but he recently had his 16th birthday and is still going strong. Peyton has spent eight years - half of his life - under Carmody's care. While most of the kids will only be with her until they turn 21, Peyton is permanent.

Carmody also has a biological child named Elihu, or Eli for short. He is two and a half years old.

In addition to being a single mother, Carmody's works full-time and holds leadership positions at the

Boys & Girls Club. She is in charge of hiring and training their staff of 110 paid positions and 120 volunteers, as well as meeting with principals of local schools, giving talks at K-State classes, assisting with special needs children and more.

"Balance has been a huge issue to deal with. Interns are a godsend," Carmody said with a laugh.

Carmody said one of the biggest misconceptions about the Boys and Girls Club is that it's basically a day care center.

"It's about extended learning," she said. "We get to teach healthy lifestyles, character building,

things that aren't taught anymore." Carmody said one of the challenges they face is to make learning

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good time," Lawrence said.

Kruse and Lyndi Stucky,

senior in mass communica-

tions, said they were excited

when approached with this

one," Stucky said. "We've

worked closely with the

Harry Potter Alliance and it

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yearly event, the Hallows

and Horcruxes Ball. Will

Harmon, member of the al-

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said the event will still be

held on March 8. The feast

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Normal Hill) Biathlon (Men's 10km Sprint), Speed Skating (Men's 5000m), Cross-Country (Women's Skiathlon), KSNT

7-10:30 *p.m.* Snowboarding (Men's Slopestyle), Freestyle Skiing (Women's Moguls), Figure Skating (Team), KSNT

Manhattan area briefs

By Jena Sauber THE COLLEGIAN

Most services reopen after two-day closings

All K-State campuses, and most Manhattan-area businesses and schools, reopen Thursday after closing Tuesday and Wednesday due to severe winter weather. The Sunset Zoo, 2333 Oak Street, remains closed to the public Thursday. The Zoo Sprouts Childcare program will operate as normal Thursday.

Official snow depth nears one foot mark

According to Mary Knapp, Climatologist at Kansas State University, the official 24-hour snow total for Feb. 4-5 was 11.2 inches, as reported by KMAN radio. This is the fifth largest 24-hour snowfall total in Manhattan, Knapp said.

The highest snow fall total occurred on Feb. 27, 1900 when 18 inches fell in 24 hours.

'Take Shelter' installation

open The opening reception for 'Take Shelter: An Installation by Tom Parish' is Thursday from 5-7 p.m at the Beach Museum of Art. The reception is free and open to the public.

The installation is currently open at the Beach Museum of Art, through May 25. Parish, a Manhattan artist, has documented native stone archedroof root cellars, and created an immersive, high-definition, 360-degree photographic experience that conveys the history of root cellars and their sig-

Hale's 'Harry Potter' Great Room to host magical feast

By Scotland Preston THE COLLEGIAN

Featuring English-style food, an improvisation show and trivia table, K-State students and Manhattan residents alike will be able to step right into the magical world of Harry Potter Saturday night in the Great Room of Hale Library.

"The library rarely allows the Great Room to have events, so this is a big deal and we want to make it as authentic as possible," said Mary Kruse, co-chair of the event and junior in

of the caccounting.

The "Harry Potter Foost" is Back-to-School Feast" is hosted by the Union Program Council, K-State Libraries and the Harry Potter Alliance. The Harry Potter Alliance is dedicated to using the examples of Harry Potter and Albus Dumbledore to fight the Dark Arts in the real world, as they promote equal rights and work towards making the world more a peaceful place. Planning for the function began

Jeana Lawrence, treasurer of the Harry Potter Alliance and junior in journalism and English, said the event is a chance for students to experience the magic of Harry Potter in reality without having to spend the money on a trip



rotisserie chicken, "Polyjuice Potion" and "Butterbeer," as well as pretzel stick wands for dessert.

The meal will include There will also

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ter enthusiasts.

just be excited about going and being able to 'geek out' with friends and have a

Saturday, Feb. 8; 7-9 p.m., The Great Room (Room 304), Hale Library

Philip Nel, universi-

distinguished professor of English, is scheduled to speak at the event. He gained national publicity for his 2001 publication, "J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter Novels: A Reader's Guide." Nel's work led to the formation of a Harry Potter literature class sever-

be a sorting hat and trivia

table with prizes.

Kruse also said that while students are encouraged to dress up in Harry Potter attire, it is not a requirement. Lawrence agreed, and said she was looking forward to enjoy a night with other Harry Pot-

"I think attendees will

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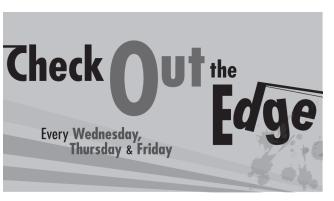
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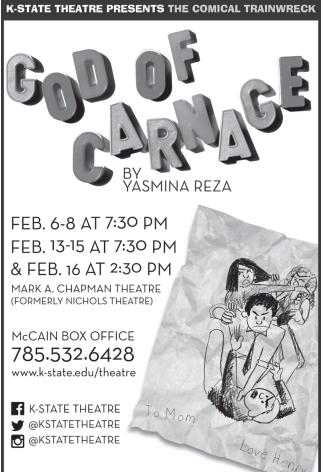
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HEADSHEAD

By Emilio Rivera THE COLLEGIAN

n his seventh season out of the University of Texas, Kevin Durant is showing the NBA that he is ready to pry away the title of the league's most valuable plaver from the hands of the four-time MVP, and the winner of the last two, LeBron James. With the award in what seems to be a three-way race, Durant is putting himself ahead of the pack by pushing the powerhouse Oklahoma City Thunder into title-contention.

The story of the season so far for the Thunder has been how Durant is coping with the loss of one of the most important pieces of the Thunder's past success, point guard Russell Westbrook. While Westbrook is known to take shots frequently, he made life for Durant and the Thunder easier, creating open shots for his teammates while being able to take the team on his back if

Without Westbrook, the Thunder are missing the 20 points and 6.9 assists per game that Westbrook averages. Durant has had to step-up his game and almost single-handedly carry the Thunder on his back to win games.

Playing 38 minutes per game, Durant has the third highest minute total in the league. Shooting at a rate of 51.2 percent from the field, he is known for his consistency throughout games.

He has shown that he can shoot from anywhere on the court, shooting 41.3 percent from three-point range. Durant is at his best inside the three-point line at 16 to 24 feet from the basket, shooting 46.6 percent this season. When Durant is on

the court, the Thunder have a positive 6.6 average point differential. The tenacity that Durant shows scoring throughout these long stretches in games is what pushes him in front of the rest of the NBA.

The Thunder are known for their great free-throw shooting, and Durant is arguably one of the best players in the league at creating and converting foul shots. He has been able to get to the charity stripe a league leading average of 9.8 times per game. Not only can he get to the line, he is shooting at a rate of 88.2 percent, rarely missing one of the easiest shots in the

With league-leading 31.1 points per game almost halfway through the season, Kevin Durant is looking to become only the fifth player in league history to have at least four scoring titles. If he holds onto his lead, he would be joining the likes of Michael Jordan (10), Wilt Chamberlain (7), Allen Iverson (4) and George Gervin (4).

Contrary to the popular belief that Durant has had to become a more selfish player because of Westbrook's absence, Durant is averaging a career high in assists, averaging 5.3 per game. He is also creating open shots for his teammates while still being able to score any way he can. Durant is playing efficiently with the ball, having a career high 1.55 assist to turnover ratio.

The way Durant has been able to keep his team near the top of the NBA rankings in the midst of Westbrook's absence, while continuously evolving his game to handle the added pressure, has shown that Durant is ready to become the leagues top-dog at the young age of 25.

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Kevin Durant deserves MVP | **LeBron James is king of** basketball for good reason

By Timothy Everson THE COLLEGIAN

om Petty once said, "It's Good to be King," and man, was he dead on. Sure, Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant can turn some heads by scoring 30-plus points in 12-straight games, and forward-guard Paul George may have led the Indiana Pacers to posting a double-digit win total within the first three months of the season for the second time in NBA franchise history. But even in their greatest accomplishments, King James' shadow still lingers.

The throne undeniably belongs to Miami Heat forward LeBron James. It's been his for four out of his last five seasons, spanning back to his time with the Cleveland Cavaliers. It's been his as he's led his team – at times seemingly single-handedly – to two-straight NBA titles. King James is the ambassador of his basketball kingdom, and will surely be named the NBA MVP this year for the third vear in a row.

James is starting to get to the point where his greatness is becoming routine to us. We see highlights of him taking over a game and dropping 30-plus points or walking away with a triple double (of which he has almost 50); it seems almost pedestrian. When Durant has a great game, you see him just throwing everything he has onto the court. LeBron, however, is a different type of beast. He makes it look effortless

It's happened though: the average basketball fan has become bored of King James' tale. Just like with Alabama and the lineage of SEC national champions, when the script repeats

itself year after year, the audience tends to find something else to watch.

Lebron is averaging 26.2 points per game this season, along with 57.8 percent shooting from the field and 6.8 rebounds per game. While those numbers are good, Durant is averaging about four more points per game than LeBron.

So, what it come down to is, why LeBron? He's not on the best team right now. And though he has really good numbers, but he doesn't have the best numbers.

The answer is this: intangibles. Doing whatever you need to do to make sure your team is able to notch another one in the win column. King James didn't get to where he is today by just being a rare, once-in-a-generation physical specimen. It's his decision-making ability and his willingness to improve that truly makes him an elite athlete.

The proof of this is in the pudding. Since arriving in the league a decade ago, James has improved his overall shooting percentage by almost 20 percent. For someone at his position, shooting almost 60 percent is pretty impressive.

In the end though, like most things, winning is what gets noticed. If LeBron and the Heat find their groove and start racking up wins, we can expect LeBron to join Michael "His Royal Airness" Jordan and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the only players to rack up five or more regular season NBA MVP trophies.

While a King must always watch his throne, it'll take someone pretty spectacular to rob King James of his crown.

Until that day, long live the King. Timothy Everson is a sophomore in pre-journalism. Please send all comments to sports@kstatecollegian.com.

Snyder lands quality recruits at signing day, says only 'time will tell'



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Junior wide receiver **Tyler Lockett** attempts to haul in a long pass from junior quarterback **Jake Waters** during the first quarter of the Wildcats' 41-31 loss to the Oklahoma Sooners on Nov. 20, 2013. Some say K-State football's 2014 recruiting class is one of the strongest they've had in years.

By John Zetmeir THE COLLEGIAN

In this day and age of college sports, people love to talk about who landed what recruits, who got the top classes and other things of that nature. The truth is, how can you really rank a recruiting class until you

have its productivity on the collegiate field?

While on paper it looks like the K-State Wildcats landed one of their top football classes in years during National Signing Day Wednesday, head coach Bill Snyder was quick to remind everyone that only time will tell on the quality of his newest recruits.

As we all know by now, it will be two or three years before we can accurately assess the quality of this or any recruiting class,"

Snyder said. "Hopefully we have assessed the skills and intrinsic values of this year's class accurately, but time will tell.'

However, that doesn't mean there can't be at least some excitement about what this class shows on paper. Snyder has always been a fan of recruiting junior college players, and this year was no different; the junior college class stole the show. K-State signed nine junior college commits, three of whom have already arrived on campus for the spring semester.

The biggest name for the Wildcats 2014 class, though, is Dodge City Community College defensive tackle Terrell Clinkscales. Originally committed to Nebraska, the highly-touted junior college lineman flipped his commitment to K-State only a few weeks ago. According to both ESPN and rivals.com, Clinkscales is one of the top interior defensive linemen in the country, holding four stars to his name.

Other big names in junior college commits for the Wildcats include Garden City Community College linebacker D'Vonta Derricott, Dodge City CC cornerback Danzel Mc-Daniel and Santa Rosa Junior College wide receiver Andre Davis.

"I think (in) every community college guy that we have, we have a firm and honest belief that they have a chance to come in and compete immediately," Snyder said.

At the high school ranks, the Wildcats signed what appears to be a very well rounded class as well. For the first time since 1999, K-State signed a trio of players from the same high school. Running back Dalvin Warmack, linebacker Elijah Lee and safety Kaleb Prewett all won back-to-back state titles at Blue Springs High School, and all three decided to bring their talents to Manhattan. Warmack was the Wildcats' first verbal commitment of the 2014 class and is also the only player to win the Greater Kansas City Football Coaches Association's coveted Thomas A. Simone Award twice. The award is given to the top high school football player in the Kansas City metro area.

Of the Wildcats 28 commitments, 13 rank within the top 44 of their position in the country. K-State will begin their spring season in mid-April with their annual spring game on April 26.







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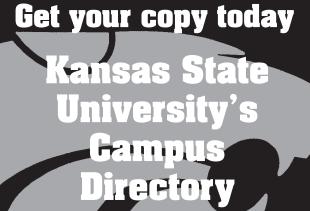
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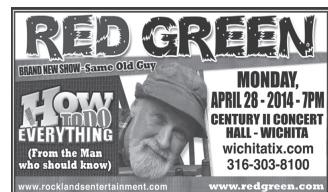


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New ammunition technology in 'R.I.P.' bullet could change ammo industry

By Laura Meyers THE COLLEGIAN

AmmoZone and G2 Research joined forces and are making headlines in the gun world with their new technology - the R.I.P. (Radically Invasive Projectile) 9mm, 96 grain, hollow point bullet. It is being advertised as, "The last round you will ever need."

"I've been in the ammunition business for many years and I wanted to create a round that would work well against a home intruder," Cliff Brown, G2 Research president, told The Blaze. "There were so many stories out there about a woman trying to defend her home and having to shoot someone five or six times and they'd still come after her, we wanted to create an effective one-shot man-stopper.'

The bullet made its first impression at the Las Vegas Shooting, Hunting, and Outdoor Trade Show and in online demo videos earlier this year. According to Brown, venders were impressed; it, "knocked their socks

Function

What makes this hollow point bullet innovative is its patent-pending geometric design. According to the G2 Research website, the tip of the bullet consists of eight trocar-shaped petals, which upon impact, act similar to a holesaw.

The new design "allows for an ease of entry by reducing the deceleration at the point of impact, causing potential energy to be conserved, thus delivering a deadly kinetic energy wave,"



Photo courtesy of Foxtrot

The newly-developed Radically Invasive Projectile, also known as the R.I.P. bullet, made by G2 Research is rapidly gaining attention as, "the last round you'll ever need." The R.I.P. is a 9mm, 96 grain hollow point with eight shards, each tipped with trocar points to maximize the shock wave and tissue damage caused along the projectile's wound path.

according to the G2 Research website.

The website's demo videos also show that the round acts like a full metal jacket upon impact. According to the website, "It is capable of going through barriers such as sheet rock, plywood, sheet metal or glass and still performs its original intent. The bullet shreds through solid objects and only then, expands its energy."

The "expansion" occurs when the trocar petals separate themselves from the projectile and expand in eight different directions while flipping 180 degrees halfway along each of their paths, the site explained.

Law Enforcement

Despite the bullet's lethal capabilities, it can't penetrate protective vests worn by law enforcement officials, Brown told

Mat Droge, public information officer with the Riley County Police Department, doesn't see the new technology as an added danger for law enforce-"As far as I know, it's the

caliber that matters when speaking about penetration, and our vests have been tested to withstand 9mm," Droge said.

Currently, the only caliber

that has been released is 9mm. However, G2 Research has plans to manufacture the R.I.P. round in .380 acp, .357 sig, .40

cal, .45 acp, and shotgun slugs. Although the R.I.P. bullet presents a new level of threat, Droge reminds citizens that all ammunition presents some level of danger.

"Any round can be devastating," he said. "A BB pellet and a .22 rifle round can kill a person. No matter the bullet, what it comes down to is responsible gun-ownership and use."

Safety and efficiency

Keith Bowman, committee member of Friends of NRA in

Johnson County, believes the bullet's design could also help with self-defense safety and efficiency.

"Most handguns that are carried concealed are low-capacity, and this round could prove to be a more effective carry round than others because of its stopping power," Bowman said. "There is also less chance of ricochet with a round like

With less chance of ricochet, there is less of a chance that the round will indirectly hit an unintended target if the intended target is missed or the gun is misfired.

"The lesser chance of ric-

ochet with these rounds would be a positive," Droge said. "In the end, I hope I never see these things used on civilians or law enforcement. Violence should never be a person's first reac-

Testing Review

Currently, no Manhattan stores have ordered, or stocked, the new ammunition. According to an article by KETK East Texas, the first shipment of R.I.P. ammo hit stores on Tuesday. They reported that one vendor sold out within five minutes of opening.

William Turner, owner of William Gun Works in Wichita, was allowed to purchase what he called "demo rounds" before the ammunition was released to

"I tested the rounds with paper targets and a water jug. When I shot the water jug, I couldn't find it afterwards," Turner said. "I've been in the firearm industry for a while, and it is a cool round, yet devastat-

Turner said he plans to stock the ammunition in his

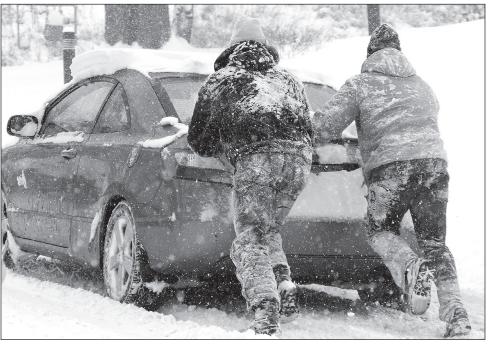
"Most retail prices will probably be about \$45 per box," he said. "A case was found on gunbroker.com before it had been stocked in stores, and it was sold for around \$300."

Turner reported zero feeding issues when tested on a Glock-17 during his trial of the demo rounds. He said that he believes the R.I.P. ammunition will be an effective carrying round.

"Our main objective obviously isn't to kill," Turner said. "It is to get away. If you have one shot, this round will definitely stop a threat."

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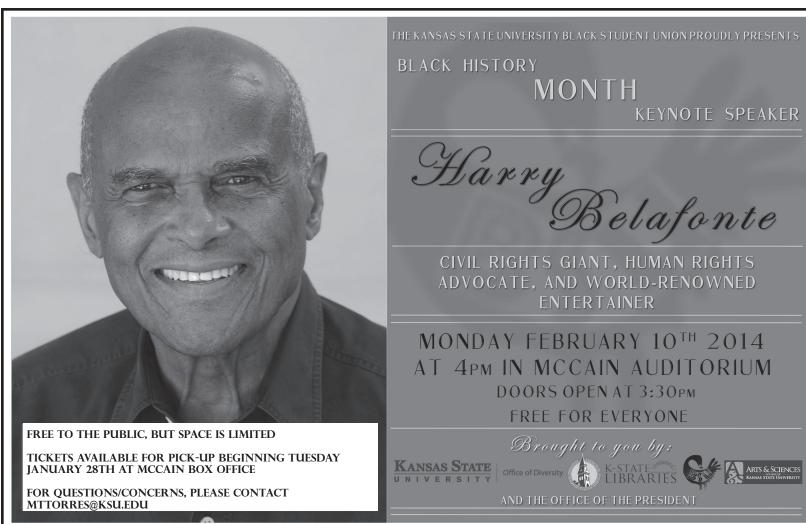


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CARMODY | Inspirational child advocate to work with Go Teacher in Ecuador

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fun, especially to children who have fallen behind in school and are on the verge of giving up.

She gets to do a lot of "firsts" with kids, such as taking kids on hikes on the Linear Trail, or fishing trips. These may seem like little things to some people, but many of the kids come from homes where their parents don't have time to do these things with them, Carmody said.

The demand for their ser-

vices is steadily rising, too. According to Carmody, attendance has risen 30 percent in the last year. The Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan currently serves about 2,000 area children.

Their work has received international attention. Carmody and the Boys & Girls Club of Manhattan work with K-State on their Go Teacher program. This program brings educators each year from Ecuador to help them better master the English language so they can teach it to their students back home.

As part of the program, the teachers from Ecuador met with Carmody to learn more about how the Boys & Girls Club works. Carmody said it was so well received, K-State is sending her to Ecuador this summer.

"We're especially grateful to Kelly for the opportunity to get this experience," said Kevin Murry, associate professor and director of research and development of the Center for Intercultural and Multilingual Advocacy.

Murry said this year's group of students from Ecuador would be between 90-100 students, the largest ever. Carmody said they look forward to working with the Ecuador government further in the Go Teacher program.

"I love my life," Carmody said. "I am around young people all day long. My life is not boring at all."

Inspiring children

In spite of her accomplishments, Carmody said she still has worries and fears, namely regarding her own children. She said she hoped Eli grows up to be happy and empathetic, and that all the negative things in the world don't "suck the life out of him." But she said she worried about all of her children and whether she was doing enough for them.

"I spend my whole life helping kids," she said. "Will mine turn out okay?'

Peyton, her foster son of eight years, was one of last year's regional winners of the Boys & Girls Club of America Youth of the Year, a speechwriting scholarship contest. In his speech, he

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credited Carmody with saving his life. This was shortly before he turned 16, the age the doctors had told him he would never live to see. Carmody said they are making plans for him to try for the national level next year, so he can use the scholarship money to go to college.

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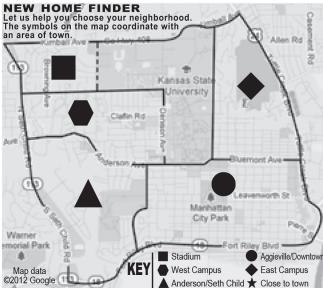
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Vendors say affordability, health benefits reasons for Manhattan wine sale growth



Photo Illustration by Hannah Hunsinger | the collegian According to observations from various liquor store vendors, red wines tend to be favored over their white counterparts by consumers during the winter season.

By Som Kandlur THE COLLEGIAN

In keeping with a nearly 20-year trend, wine sales and consumption have continued to increase in the U.S., making the nation the world's largest wine market.

According to a April 8, 2013 press release from the Wine Institute, the public policy advocacy association of California wineries, wine shipments to the U.S. market have risen by approximately 50 percent since 2001.

In 2013, wine sales experienced a 2 percent increase in ales from the previous year. The increase trend is also true in Manhattan, where local liquor store owners say wine consumption has been steadily increasing over the past few

"Before, in a night, our business would be mostly beer and liquor," Chris Vanderlinde, assistant manager at Rickel's Retail Liquor, 1129 Bluemont Ave., said. "Now, wines have become almost half our business any given night."

Reasons for growth

One widely agreed upon speculation for the wine industry's growth has been the shift

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toward producing and marketing less expensive wines. According to Vanderlinde, the general population has also appeared to develop a greater appreciation for the complexity

"Wine was fairly expensive for a while, but now with the increase in demand, better technology and education about wine, the prices are coming down," Vanderlinde said. "This has made wine a convenient alternative to beer, which has worked well for the wine industry."

Kristen Clarke, tasting room associate at the Oz Winery, 417 Lincoln St. in Wamego, said there is an intrigue surrounding wine as a whole, specifically its health benefits and how those benefits have contributed to an overall growth in the industry.

"The way wine is crafted is so individualized based on the winery itself," Clarke said. "There's more to learn about each particular style that intrigues people. Additionally, the research that supports all of the health benefits, I'm sure, makes people more inclined to imbibe as well, which has been beneficial to the industry as a whole."

Buying the right wine

Everything

wine-making process, from the soil used to plant the grapes to the time it takes to be fermented, determines the flavor of the wine. Personal taste also factors in, ensuring that no two types of wine taste exactly the

"Wines are more complex than other alcohol so you really have to find one you enjoy,"

"People seem to think that a (bottle) of \$40 of wine is better because it's priced higher, when that's not the case," Vanderlinde said. "Everybody's taste buds are different and reacts to wines differently. So, even though they think the more expensive one would be better, they might like the taste of a less expensive one even

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said Greg Shipe, manager at the Davenport Orchards & Winery, 1394 E. 1900 Rd. in Eudora, Kan. "When you taste them, you're able to find one that you like more than others, even in the same category. Which, to an extent, has been beneficial in allowing people to develop pallets."

According to Vanderlinde, one of the major misconceptions is that price is a direct indicator of the quality of the

more."

Personal preferences

The preferences of wine drinkers can be just as complex as the wine itself.

"I was taken in by how complex the nature of wine is," Tyson Carpenter, junior in geology, said. "There's a lot to it. Lots of perspectives and overall of types which makes it so much more interesting. Compared to hard alcohol and beer, wine is a whole different

For others, it is a means of understanding a foreign culture in an entirely new manner

'When I travelled to Italy with my parents, I was able to try some wine in order to experience the culture of the country," Eric Long, junior in psychology, said. "I was instantly taken by how good it was. Through exploring my interest in it, I was able to understand a lot more about Italian culture."

Another topic of contention between wine drinkers in Manhattan is their preferences in its packaging; wine can commonly be bought in a box or in its traditional bottle form.

Many people believe boxed wine is inferior to its bottled counterpart.

"Anybody who buys boxed wine, in my opinion, is doing themselves a disservice," Long said. "I've tried both and would honestly choose a bottle over box, every time."

According to Vanderlinde, current Manhattan wine sale trends agree with the idea that the city's residents prefer bottled wine over the boxed.

"I think more people are deviating to bottled wine now," Vanderlinde said. "We'll still get people who want quantity, and in that case they'll go for the boxed wine. But, if you want to spend a little more for

good wine to maybe celebrate or drink with your significant other, they'll go for the bottled wine. The boxed wine, in my opinion, has gone down quite

For Carpenter, the complexity of making such a choice is part of the appeal of wine.

"I usually believe in, 'To each their own," Carpenter said. "There are good and bad things about each, but as I said, different people can react differently to the same wine. It's all part of the magic when it comes to wine."

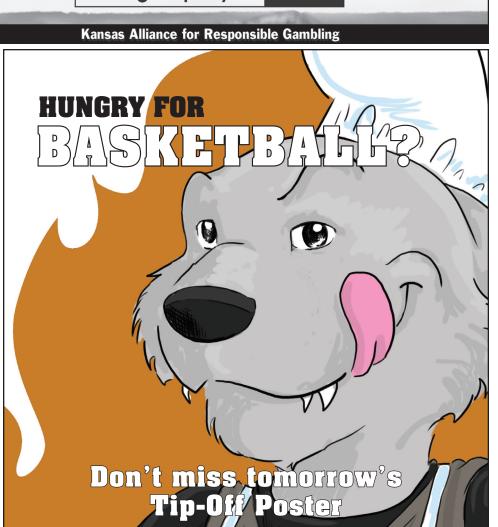
Future trends

The most popular wines shift during the year, depending on the season. According to Shipe, red wines are more popular during the winter months while white wines start selling better once the weather gets

Vanderlinde said he believes that endorsed or themed wines will increase in popularity in the near future, at least in the Midwest.

"A really surprising one was the 'Duck Dynasty' wine that they're making," Vanderlinde said. "When I first heard about it, I thought it was a joke. But they're actually making it, and we're selling it now. With the following of the show, I expect it to do fairly well."











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